



**U.S. Army Corps  
Of Engineers**  
Norfolk District

PUBLIC NOTICE

AMMENDMENT TO NORFOLK DISTRICT'S REGIONAL PERMIT NUMBER 18

We are amending our Regional Permit Number 18 (03-RP-18) to clarify issues associated with the wording of paragraph 3 and 4 to eliminate possible confusion. These changes do not alter the original intent of this permit and are effective immediately. The original Statement of Findings, Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact still apply.

Paragraph 3 will be changed to read as follows: The intent is to provide a streamlined permitting process for those activities listed in the first paragraph that do not adversely affect general navigation and the aquatic environment.

Paragraph 4 will be amended to read as follows: Specifically, proposed activities authorized by this permit can be constructed more than one-fourth of the width of the waterway but in no case more than one-third the distance of the waterway provided that Corps determines the proposed activity does not adversely affect general navigation and/or the environment. In addition, piers constructed over wetlands do not have to meet the criteria of Regional Permit Number 17 (a maximum of 5 feet wide and at least 4 feet high between the decking and wetland substrate) provided the applicant submits a written demonstrated purpose and need. For an application to be considered complete, the Corps may require depth soundings across the waterway at increments designated by the project manager with the date, time, and tidal conditions the measurements were taken and how they were taken (e.g., tape, range finder). The applicant must submit written justification as to why they propose to extend the pier greater than one-fourth the distance across open water measured from mean high water (MHW) or the channelward edge of a large marsh/wetland where open water is limited.

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